

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A battery pack comprising:  
  
a plurality of secondary batteries disposed in parallel with a predetermined spacing, the secondary batteries being electrically connected either one of in series ~~and~~ or in parallel;  
  
an electrical insulating plate for connecting surfaces of the secondary batteries where electrode terminals are provided and defining the predetermined spacing between the secondary batteries; and  
  
a case that stores the plurality of secondary batteries therein, the case having at least one strut extending therefrom in the predetermined spacing between the secondary batteries and spaced from the secondary batteries.
2. (Previously Presented) The battery pack according to claim 1, wherein electrode terminals of the secondary batteries are connected to each other with metal plates, and the electrical insulating plates are adhered on the metal plates.

3. (Original) The battery pack according to claim 1, wherein the electrical insulating plate is a resin plate with an adhesive treatment applied to both its surfaces, and the insulating plate connects the secondary batteries with is adhesion.
4. (Previously Presented) The battery pack according to claim 1, wherein when the number of the secondary batteries is an odd number, the electrical insulating plate on an end part of an assembly of an even number of the secondary batteries arranged in parallel with a predetermined spacing is connected to the remaining secondary battery.
5. (Original) The battery pack according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of secondary batteries are arranged corresponding to a shape of a storage space for the secondary batteries.
6. (Original) The battery pack according to claim 1, wherein the secondary batteries are of a flat rectangular shape.
7. (Original) The battery pack according to claim 1, wherein the secondary batteries are bound together with an adhesive tape.

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8. (Currently Amended) A battery pack comprising:

a plurality of secondary batteries disposed in parallel with a predetermined spacing, the secondary batteries being electrically connected either one of in series ~~and~~ or in parallel; and

an electrical insulating plate for connecting surfaces of the secondary batteries where electrode terminals are provided;

wherein when the number of the secondary batteries is an odd number, the electrical insulating plate on an end part of an assembly of an even number of the secondary batteries arranged in parallel with a predetermined spacing is connected to the remaining secondary battery.